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On meeting the Prime Minister

An extraordinary Joe

By John Samuel

"Does Joe Clark have a brother who looks like him?" I asked the lady next to me in the DC8 which was carrying me from Ottawa to Edmonton on the evening of August 24 to participate in the annual conference of the National Association of Canadians of Origins in India (NACOI). My doubt was caused by the sight of a lean man in a striped shirt, tieless and in a blue cardigan standing in the aisle of the aircraft talking to a bearded man. The lady responded: "It is Joe Clark". (May be she was part of his team).

Most of the passengers were busy in flight (4) having their dinner. A few seats away from the Prime Minister sat a white-haired man (I learned later that he was a Nova Scotian by name Willie). He shouted loud and clear: "Joe Clark, you're the best damn prime minister we got. Come down here." This unauthorised announcement and unqualified command by Willie, who might have had a drink too many, awakened the passengers to the fact that they were indeed travelling with the Prime Minister of Canada. Promptly the PM walked to the seat where the Nova Scotian was digging into his roast chicken dinner and shook his hands.

Willie started a long and noisy chat with Mr. Clark. A couple of times the PM unsuccessfully attempted to move away. Two things puzzled me somewhat: First the PM never showed any annoyance and never even appeared to lose his cool. Second, no RCMP official was in sight - at least not visibly. That session might have continued for almost 30 minutes or so.

The PM by this time was talking to a few others as well trying to move away from Willie. But Willie wanted to have a few picture cards signed for his three sons in Edmonton. The PM obliged. After engaging the PM in another round of chat, finally the PM broke loose Willie's hold.

By the time Mr. Clark had slowly moved to the area where I sat, I tried to prepare mentally to meet the Prime Minister of Canada. My mind went back to my college days when I waited on the roadside in Trivandrum, India for several long hours to get a fleeting glimpse of the Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru being driven along in an open car.

After greeting many and taling to some who were eager to talk to him, the PM came near my seat. Since the food tray was removed by this time, I was able to stand up and shake hands with the PM. Meanwhile some autograph seekers approached the PM. Many used the paper coasters received from Air Canada to collect the treasured autograph. A couple of French young women came with small wine bottles they had just emptied and asked the PM to sign on the label of the bottle. He spoke to them in French.

Now I got my chance to speak to him and I introduced myself not feeling overawed by his presence. I asked whether I could put in a few words for the visible minority groups and multiculturalism. He replied: "Please do."

I expressed my appreciation of the fact that the spirit of multiculturalism is so well expressed in the ethnic composition of the Cabinet. He added to my list of ethnic group members who are represented in the Cabinet that of Blacks (Lincoln Alexander from Hamilton) and said that they were not selected for their ethnic composition but for their competence. During the conversation we discussed the difficulties being faced by visible minority groups in particular in Toronto and Vancouver and the prejudice being faced by them.

I reminded him of the need for effective policies in the area of multiculturalism - policies that go beyond the encouragement of the so-called 'ethnics' to sing and dance. He agreed that such policies are essential. In particular I pointed out the need to have more competent and qualified people, who may also happen to have an ethnic background, in Government commissions, boards etc. He agreed without hesitation.

The PM said that he had brought up the issue of minority groups in the public service to the chairman of the PSC. He said he is opposed to any kind of quota system to which I agreed. However, I pointed out that French Canadians and women are being assisted in the public service without using the quota system.

On hearing my activities as a school board trustee, he asked how difficult it was to get elected. He listened to the difficulties I had faced including the "Paki" shouts I had encountered. Mr. Clark reassured me that I was doing the right thing.

When I told him about the purpose of my trip to Edmonto to deliver a keynote speech at the NACOI conference, he asked me to convey to the participants his best wishes (which I did the next day). He scribbled on the copy of my speech I had with me: "Good luck. Joe Clark".

Towards the end of our discussion, which went on for about 10 to 15 minutes, he asked me to write to him giving my ideas and suggestions regarding the ways and means of assisting the visible minority groups in Canadian society.

After the plane landed in Edmonton I was in the same airport bus as Willie was heading to the city. Seeing that I was in the same plane, Willie started his non-stop chit chat with me on his meeting the PM. Willie's loud talk did not amuse the bus driver. He warned Willie that he will be ejected from the bus if he continued his noisy behaviour. What a contrast with the PM's patience!

What impressed me most about Mr. Clark was his wide-ranging knowledge, humility, and ability to listen (not just pretend) and relate to common people, to keep his cool despite the not-so-pleasing behaviour of an apparently boozed-up man. During the election time I had heard of an ordinary Joe but I met an extraordinary Joe in many respects.

No majority for any party

By Our Correspondent

New Delhi: The political events in India has turned a full circle after the elections in March 1977. Now that the Lok Sabha has been dissolved election campaigns are in full swing. The politicians have gone back to the people with a grim face seeking a fresh mandate. They shed their crocodile tears for their sins of the past and shower fresh promises through elaborate election manifestoes.

Present indications are that no single party is poised to get an absolute majority. Then the country will be back into square No. 1 by the year-end, each party wooing the other for the formation of a coalition government. Horsetrading will also return in full swing. It was alleged that during the recent political crisis the price of an M.P. has gone to nearly Rs. 10 lakhs.

The final results of the mid-term poll would be to the discomfiture of all the political parties except for the Congress (I) led by Mrs. Indira Gandhi. Whether it is the fall of the government or a mid-term poll she stands to gain. During the recent political crisis she was able to increase her strength in the Lok Sabha from 71 to 82 regaining the position as the second largest party. All political astrologers predict that she would improve her position.

Until recently Mrs. Gandhi was considered by all parties as political untouchable. But the split in the ruling Janata party brough her to the lime light. She became the decisive force. She was able to pull down two governments in less than a month's time. People started talking seriously the possibility of her returning to power.

There will be a three-cornered fight, the Janata, Janata (S) - Congress combine and the Congress (I) being the main contestants. The other parties would have electoral alliance with one of the three since their influence is limited to certain areas only. Regional parties like the AIDMK, Kerala Congress, Muslim League, etc. may gain more strength. The Congress and Akali Dal are divided about their alliance positions. Their representation in the Central cabinet in case of a coalition government would be a significant feature of the mid-term poll.

Along with the Lok Sabha poll, general elections would also be held in Sikkim, Manipur and the Union Territories of Goa and Pondicherry. Elections to the Gujarat assembly, the term of which ends in June 1980 is also being considered.

The voters list is likely to include about 360 million as against 320 million in 1977, which is larger than the entire population of any single country in the world other than China. There are 542 constituencies.

The main plant on which Janata would base its election campaign would be the denial of the office of the Prime Minister to Mr. Jagjivan Ram in spite of his having had the majority in the Lok Sabha and thus deliberately offsetting the opportunity of an Harijan to be elevated to that position. It was Gandhiji's dream, it has often been repeated, to see that an Harijan became the Prime Minister of India which is a caste-ridden nation. It would also fight against the authoritarianism represented by Mrs. Gandhi the "unscrupulousness" and political immorality represented by Mr. Charan Singh and follower-defectors. An assurance against defection would be a part of the election manifesto of the Janata party.

The Janata (S) and the Congress which are currently considering merger under a new brand-name, will fight against the communal elements of RSS represented through the Jana Sangh in the Janata party and plead for secularism and minority rights. It will also fight authoritarianism of the Congress(I). Mr. Charan Singh has already stated that Mrs. Gandhi and Jana Sangh are his main opponents.

Mrs. Gandhi will highlight the chaos that the Janata and Janata (S) created during the 28 months of their rule and seek the people's mandate for "discipline" and "order" that only she is capable of providing and also protection for the Harijans and the minorities. She will come out to fight against communal elements of the RSS and for secularism. Her charisma is one thing that all the rest of the parties are lacking.

Bring back Indira, save the country

New Delhi, Sept 4 (UNI) - The Congress (I) will seek a clear mandate from the people in the forthcoming Lok Sabha poll for Mrs. Indira Gandhi to become the Prime Minister again and give the country "strong and effective leadership."

Explaining the poll strategy of his party, Congress (I) leader C.M. Stephen told newsmen his party would tell the people that the country needed "strong leadership with bold commitment and vision."

"Our slogan will be 'Indira lao, Desh Bachao' (bring back Mrs. Gandhi and save the country", he added.

Narain's mundan

Varanasi, Aug. 28 (UNI) - Janata (S) President Raj Narain Friday shaved off his hair and beard in fulfillment of a vow he had taken to remove Morarji Desai from the Prime Ministership.

He observed the "mundan" ceremony at the Vidhyachal temple in Mirzapur district.

This was the second time he has done this in 27 months, having done so in March 1977 after defeating Mrs. Indira Gandhi in the Lok Sabha election from Rae Bareli constituency in Uttar Pradesh.

Mountbatten mourned

World leaders expressed shock and grief at the murder of Earl Mountbatten of Burma in a boat explosion off the coast of Ireland on August 27. He was 79.

India, which Britain's sailor-statesman helped lead to independence 32 years ago, declared seven days' mourning, as a fitting tribute to their last British Viceroy and first Governor General.

In New Delhi, President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy said in a message to Queen Elizabeth: "Lord Mountbatten will always occupy a place of honor in India."

Indira Gandhi, called Mountbatten "an extraordinary personality, a lion, a born leader of men."

Gandhi, also said Mountbatten "showed sympathy and understanding of complex problems facing India at that particular period (independence)."

Lady Mountbatten, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Pamela Mountbatten, and Maulana Azad watch the flames of the funeral pyre consuming the mortal remains of GANDHIJI on the bank of Jamuna on January 31, 1948.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FACELIFT FOR TAMIL NADU TEMPLES

Madras (IBS) - Temples in Tamil Nadu are now getting a facelift under a renovation programme undertaken by the Hindu Religious Endowments Department with active public support.

The Department has undertaken renovation work at 600 temples in the State, including those at Srirangam, Chidambaram, Rameshwaram and Srivilliputhur.

According to the Religious Endowments Commissioner U. Subramaniam, the first phase of the work at the famous temple Lord Renganatha in Srirangam costing Rs 1.4 million was nearing completion. The second phase envisaged the construction of a gopuram on a superstructure left incomplete by the builders of the temple. It has been taken up now with the head of the Ahobile Mutt donating the entire cost.

BHUTAN LIKELY TO EXPELL TIBETANS

New Delhi, (UNI) - Bhutan has contacted eight western countries to accommodate 4,000 Tibetan refugees likely to be expelled from the Himalayan Kingdom for refusing to accept Bhutanese citizenship, Bhutanese Ambassador to India said.

Some 2,300 other Tibetan refugees, in Bhutan since 1959, have agreed to change their nationality as required by a June resolution of the landlocked country's National Assembly, Lyonpo Kinzye told UNI.

The resolution stated that the refugees will be repatriated to Tibet, which borders Bhutan on the north, if efforts to relocate them fail.

The nations approached to take the refugees were: Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Austria, he said. "No replies have been received so far."

US SEEKS GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDIA AND PAK, SAYS GOHEEN

New Delhi, Sept. 1 (UNI) - Mr. Robert F. Goheen, United States Ambassador to India, said here that his country seeks good relations with both India and Pakistan, each on its own merits.

Addressing a conference on the new perspective of India-U.S. economic cooperation, Mr. Goheen said we are no longer tempted to balance off Pakistan and India, a tendency which in the past sometimes meant building up Pakistan military at the expense of India. Instead, we now seek good relations with both countries, each on its own merits.

FICCI CHIEF CALLS FOR POLICY CHANGE

New Delhi (IBS) - President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) H.S. Singhania has called for a change in the attitude of Indian policy-makers towards inviting foreign capital and technology for economic development of the country.

Singhania, who was addressing the week-long conference on development of economic relations between India and the United States said that for quick development, foreign capital and technology would have to be accepted in specific areas on mutually acceptable terms.

An honest and forward policy would also imply that operation conditions would not be altered once such operation was permitted.

COMPUTERISED RESERVATION SYSTEM

Bombay (IBS) - A Rs 55-million instant computerised reservation system, jointly financed by Air India and Indian Airlines, has been installed at Air India's base at Bombay airport and is now being prepared for a wide range of applications. The system goes into full operation in mid-1980.

CHARAN NOT ATTENDING HAVANA SUMMIT

New Delhi, Sept. 4 (UNI) - Prime Minister Charan Singh will not attend the Sixth Nonaligned Summit meeting beginning in Havana, it was understood here.

External Affairs Minister S.N Mishra, will lead the Indian delegation to the 90-nation summit.

"AVM" DEAD

Madras (IBS) - A.V. Meyyappa Chettiyar, popularly known as AVM and founder of the prestigious film studios bearing his name died here Sunday, August 12, of jaundice. He was 72.

MORVI TOLL MAY BE 25,000

Rajkot, Gujarat, Aug. 29 (UNI) - The death toll from the recent flash flood in Morvi town may be as high as 25,000 Morvi Municipal President Rajbhai Desai said.

Except for the 13,000 accommodated in the relief camps, the remaining inhabitants are yet to be accounted for. "Where have the people gone?" he wondered while speaking to newsmen.

CANADIAN DEVOTTE ACQUITTED

Bombay (Ibs) - Bilbmangal, alias David Anderson, a Canadian devotee of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness was acquitted on a charge of attempted murder by the Greater Bombay Sessions Court.

David was married to Maya Pandit, sister of film star Sulakshna Pandit. The marriage was not reportedly proved by other devotees at the Hare Krishna temple in Juhu, north-west Bombay, and the couple was boycotted.

The prosecution alleged that on March 6, 1978, David stabbed an American office-bearer Mr. Karandardas, with a razor and struck another American devotee.

Non-resident investments more attractive

New Delhi (IBS) - Investments by non-residents in Indian industrial projects have now been made more attractive as the level of investments by non-residents in Indian industrial projects has not risen to any appreciable degree during the past two or three years, despite new facilities and concessions given for the purpose.

According to Government sources, the number of new industrial ventures started by non-residents is less than half a dozen. Administrative delays and various other bottlenecks faced by prospective entrepreneurs are believed to be the main reasons for the poor response.

From middle West Asian countries, where a substantial number of Indians work, not much investments in industrial projects are forthcoming. Most of the savings of these persons go for meeting the primary needs like construction of houses, and acquisition of agricultural lands. Investments from these persons in industrial projects are expected to pick up only after a few years.

CONCESSIONS

Investments by non-residents in industries have now been made more attractive.

They are allowed to invest in new equity issues of new companies in a wide range of selected industries up to 20 percent of the equity capital with full repatriation facilities. The repatriation covers the original investments as well as the income accruing from it provided the investment is made through normal banking channels or from a non-resident (external) account.

Such investments will be allowed in all industries in the large, medium and small scale sectors with the exception of certain industries. The list of industries where non-residents are not permitted to invest include coal, textiles, matches and all qualities of steel manufactured from electric furnaces based on scrap iron and steel pipes and tubes and stainless tubes, plastic processed goods and industrial gases.

Investments on repatriation basis will not, however, be permissible in the case of portfolio investments i.e. where shares are purchased on stock exchanges, or in the case of new issues floated by existing Indian companies.

In selected cases, the Government also permits repatriation facilities at higher level of equity participation. Although ordinarily dividend repatriation is allowed only in cases where non-resident Indians contribute not more than 20 percent of the cost of projects in the case of Mysore Paper Mills, this contribution has been raised to the level of 40 percent. This relaxation is made depending on the merits of each case.

NEW UNITS

Under another liberalised scheme, non-resident Indians are allowed to make investments for starting industrial units in priority sectors. Under this scheme, investments up to 74 percent (without any minimum limit) will be permitted for starting industries listed in appendix I to the industrial licensing policy statement of 1973.

Investment in any other industry will also be permitted provided the investor undertakes to export 50 percent (75 percent in the case of industries reserved for small-scale sector) of the output. Import of capital equipment from abroad will be permitted without DGTD clearance from indigenous sources within the *quantum* of foreign exchange invested by the non-resident Indians. Under this scheme also, repatriation of capital investment and income profits arising there from will be permitted.

The scheme will, however, be applicable only to new investments including expansion and diversification of existing industrial undertakings but not to portfolio investments. Investment under the scheme may also be made in partnership firms.

Hidayatullah Vice-President

New Delhi (UNI) - Mohammed Hidayatullah, former Supreme Court Chief Justice was sworn in as the country's sixth vice-President on August 31.

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The term of the present Vice-President B D Jatti expires on August 31.

Discrimination in IFS

New Delhi, Aug. 26 (UNI) - The Supreme Court has issued notice of Union of India on a petition by Miss C B Muthamma, an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, challenging her supersession by a Junior IFS officer to Grade I.

Justice V R Krishna Iyer and Justice P N Shinghal listed the case to come up on August 31.

Miss Muthamma, who is a former Ambassador to Hungary and High Commissioner to Ghana, has said that she was informed on August 14 last year that her promotion to Grade I of the IFS had been deferred.

However, she learnt later that she had been superseded and M K Rasgotra, former Ambassador to Nepal and now Ambassador to France, had been promoted to Grade I.

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Steel & Mines & Coal - Biju Patnaik
Labour - Fazlur Rahman
Health - Rabi Ray
Industry - Brahmananda Reddy
Civil Aviation - Mohammad Shafi Qureshi
Defence - C. Subramaniam
Communications - Zulfiquarulla
Ministers of State (Independent Charge).
Shipping and Transport - Janeshwar Mishra
Rural Development - Bhanu Pratap Singh.

The portfolios of the following Ministers of State have not been allocated: Jasbir Singh, T.S. Shringare and Mr. Narsingh.

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Muslim League - 2
National Conference - 2
Independents & Others - 3?
Vacant - 8
Speaker - 1
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Smuggler's network smashed

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Official sources said that the hashish smuggled in India from Nepal via Varanasi in an imported car was meant for re-export to Copenhagen through "diplomat middlemen."

Five persons - three Nepalese nationals and two Indians - believed to be senior members of the syndicate, have been arrested. Two more members are still at large. All international drug enforcement agencies, including the Interpol, have been alerted by the DRI.

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"We could manage to re-release the picture in the commercial theatres and get back the money invested in it", he said.

A representative of the Bombay-based three-year-old society told the seminar that its two films, acclaimed by critics at home and abroad, could not be released so far because of, among other reasons, non-involvment of black money.

On its concluding day the seminar came down heavily on the role of film producers, financiers and distributors who, it was alleged, discouraged outsiders from entering the field.

A.M. Padmanabhan of Ahmedabad-based cooperative society alleged that only "chachas and bhatijas (uncles and nephews) or personal secretaries to the stars were allowed to raise finance."

Bhaskaran Nair, Managing Director of a Trivandrum-based society, narrated how even a senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer did not allow the registration of his unit under the Cooperatives Act, saying "cooperation is not for film making." Even for the formal registration, the then state Governor had to intervene.

Several participants suggested that the Films Division and the Government should give priority to the societies in contracts for documentaries and allotment of film quota and a chain of small theatres be set up by cooperators throughout the country.

India-Africa theory

Two Australian geologists of the Univ. of New South Wales have come up with conclusive evidence defining the exact geometric fit of India and Africa through Madagascar going as far back as 300 million years ago.

M.B. Katz and C. Premoli base their latest conclusions on precambrian geology, Palaeomagnetic data and plate tectonics as reported in a recent issue of the international scientific journal 'Nature'. They are able to trace structural trends recognized in Deccan to its equivalent in Madagascar. Rock formations along the Narmada and the Bhavani in south western India have been connected conclusively with similar geological structures in Madagascar. Madagascar is translated relative to India along a line until the best "fit" is obtained in regard to geometry, bathymetry, age, lithological, structural and tectonic relationships; standards by which continental drifts are verified. According to these earth scientists, the Bhavani lineament has been recognized as having an important role in the precambrian tectonic evolution of India.

For the first time geologists are confirmed that India was attached to Africa via Madagascar before it broke away and drifted towards Eurasia where it collided forming the Himalayas some 200 million years ago.

Francis Assisi.

SHEIKH DECLINES VEEP'S POST

Jammu, (UNI) - Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah said that he had declined an offer to become the Vice President of India as he wanted to devote his full attention to the Economic Development of the State.

He was addressing a meeting of Ruling National Conference Workers.

KARAN DEWAN DEAD

Bombay, Aug. 30 (UNI) - Karan Dewan, matinee idol of yester years, died here following a prolonged illness. He was 62.

Dewan had won applause for his performances in "Ratan", "Musafirkhana", "Bahar" and "Chor Mantar."

Writ against Charan

Madras, Sept. 4 (UNI) - "Cho" Ramaswamy, a lawyer and journalist, filed a petition in the Madras High Court seeking a writ of quo warranto calling upon Mr. Charan Singh to show under what legal or constitutional authority he was purporting to hold the office of Prime Minister in the caretaker Government at the Centre.

He also sought an injunction to restrain Mr. Charan Singh from functioning as Prime Minister pending disposal of the writ.

SMALL CARPET WEAVERS BEING ELBOWED OUT

Jaipur, Aug. 28 (UNI) - Over a 100,000 carpet weavers in Rajasthan and many more in other parts of the country will soon be rendered jobless with machine manufacturers entering the exclusive preserve of persian design carpets, so far manufactured by the hand-knitted Cottage Sector alone.

Hitler's Benz in Nepal

Dehradun (IBS) - A Mercedes Benz car that was presented in 1933 by Adolf Hitler to the then Prime Minister of Nepal, Shamsher Singh Bahadur Rana, is part of the property, worth several millions of rupees, that has been ordered by a Dehradun court to be managed by an official court receiver.

The receiver has been appointed by the additional civil judge of Dehradun following a suit filed by the niece of the late Rana who claims that she, along with many others, is the beneficiary of the enormous wealth left by him.

The story dates back to 1952 when the Rana bequeathed all his property and appointed his wife, Maharani Gambhir Kumari as the executive. The ruler died on November 23 of the same year and his wife breathed her last on September 2, 1955.

The niece, Bhuvan Kumari, in her suit against the three sons and daughter of the Rana says that they had failed to pay a sum of Rs.25,000 to her as desired by the Rana in his will.

The long list of beneficiaries to whom the Rana wanted about Rs 4.5 million to be distributed included Jawaharlal Nehru (Rs 200,000) and the King of Nepal (Rs. 1200000).

The civil judge first appointed the receiver in 1970 after 12 years of legal battles. The matter then went to the High Court.

However, between April 1975 when the High Court settled the dispute in favour of Bhuvan Kumari and the day the receiver took steps to take possession of the property this year, much of the property has changed hands.

It is not known where the Hitler's car now is. All that could be gathered was that the priceless car was with the Rana's daughter some 15 years back.

More exchange for professionals

Bombay (IBS) - The Reserve Bank of India has raised the per day scale of release of foreign exchange for persons going abroad for business or study tours, because hotel tariffs and living expenses abroad have gone up, according to an official announcement.

For group "A" countries comprising Saudia Arabia, Nigeria, Japan and some countries in the Middle East and the Gulf region the exchange release per day will be $125 for businessmen and $100 for "junior" businessmen.

For group "B" comprising the Western Hemisphere, Iran, Libya and Algeria, the exchange release per day for the two categories will be $100 and $80 and for group "C" (all other countries other than bilateral group countries) $90 and $70. For bilateral group countries the exchange release for the two categories will be Rs 800 and Rs 650, respectively.

The announcement also said that for study tours by medical practitioners, journalists, scientists and other professional people, the exchange release will be at the lower of the two rates.

Women's lib in reverse

New Delhi, Aug. 30 (UNI) - "Women have ruled from inside the house and from outside the house, and now we are trying to protect ourselves from them."

This is how Opposition leader Jagjivan Ram reacted when a woman reporter asked him if women would be included in the category of minorities in future and given a proper role in society.

Striking a serious note at a Press Club luncheon meeting here Jagjivan Ram said in fact, nowhere in the world did women have so many opportunities in almost all fields of human endeavour as in India. He added that all such opportunities had been open to women in India without their asking.

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MID–TERM POLLS

Much water has flown under the political bridge in India during the last few weeks. Desai has been toppled and Singh failed to get a vote of confidence. Ram was not able to try his hand in forming the Government. A mid-term poll has been called and the parties - all varieties of Congresses, Janatas, Communists, Socialists, and other parties - are launching their election campaigns.

It is not yet clear what the outcome would be. No matter what, one conclusion seems inescapable. So far Mrs. Gandhi is the big winner. Will she continue to be the winner on the election day as well?

Some public opinion polls indicate that she has more support than any other political leader in India. Would she be able to maintain, and build upon, her popularity. Or would her greatest liability, in the form of her abrassive and immature son Sanjay, spoil her chances for a comeback?

The people of India will be comparing the performance of the Janata Government headed by Mr. Desai with that of Mrs. Gandhi's Government. A lot may depend on how much Mrs. Gandhi has learned from her previous experience in imposing emergency and misusing power. If she has learned a lesson and is not afraid to admit her mistakes and promise to commit no more such mistakes and most important to keep her son Sanjay away from the seat of power, she may very well form a majority government. Otherwise India seems to be heading for an era of minority governments in the 1980's.

Big leap for Punjab industry

Chandigarh (IBS) - Punjab's two major industries - cycles and sewing machines - which started as cottage and small-scale industries in the State are poised for a major breakthrough shortly in the international market with the help of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

For the cycle industry, UNDP has promised $910,000 assistance to start a Bicycle Research Development Centre at Ludhiana. The State Government too will contribute about ten million rupees.

The major function of this centre will be to provide a practical and systematic programme for improving the productivity as well as the quality of cycle and cycle components to bring them on par with international standards. The project report of the centre has already been finalised on four acres of land acquired at Dhandari Kalan near Ludhiana. The construction will start soon.

The project, when it comes into operation by 1983-84 is likely to push the sale of cycle components from the present Rs 280 million to Rs 1,500 million. The production of cycles is expected to rise from the present 3.6 million to 7.5 million. Employment potential will also increase from the present one million to 2.5 million.

At present India ranks fifth in the world in the production of bicycles with the United States at the top, followed by the Soviet Union, China and Japan.

As for the sewing machine industry, UNDP has agreed to provide $440,000 worth of assistance and it is expected that the production of sewing machines in the State would go up from Rs 150 million worth to Rs 800 million by 1984, with employment potential going up from the present 3,000 persons to 30,000.

Punjab leads the country in the manufacture of sewing machines and their components. It produced machines worth Rs 78.6 million - about 78 percent of the all India production in 1977. Almost all the big and small units located all over the country depend mainly on Punjab for the supply of components.

600 INDIANS STUDYING IN USSR

New Delhi (IBS) - As many as 600 Indians are currently studying in the Soviet higher educational establishments and research institutes.

Letters

CBC program and prejudice

I would like to draw the attention of Indo-Pakistani community to a TV comedy series called "MIND YOUR LANGUAGE" which is being shown on CBC channel-5, kand three other TV stations, every Friday at 9:30 p.m. I find this show very offensive and distasteful as it projects a very poor and negative image of South Asians. The series was produced in England. The story revolves around a teacher and a group of immigrants of different nationalities attending a class to improve their English. The show pokes fun at their accent and strange customs. However, the attention is mainly focussed on two characters, a Pakistani Muslim and an Indian Sikh. They both are shabily dressed and appear ill mannered, uncouth, feeble minded and religious fanatics. They insult each other constantly on religious lines in a very crude manner. The Muslim calls the Sikh an impure heathen and the Sikh refers to the Muslim as a pig. It must be noted that all other characters, including Chinese, Japanese and Europeans, are shown well dressed, dignified and well behaved as compared to the two South Asians. The Sikh comes out in a very poor light. He is portrayed being very crude, violent and a quick tempered idiot who draws out his Kirpan (dagger) on the slighrest provocation. He raises his Kirpan on several occasions saying "I will cut you in thousand pieces". This them is repeated in the first two shows I have seen so far. The image of Sikh people projected by this show can be summed up in one dialogue which the teacher says to the Sikh... "You are not in Punjab. You are now in a civilized country, England. You just can't go around chopping people to pieces". One does not have to be a very intelligent person to understand the implications and message of such offerings.

I telephoned the CBC TV station in Toronto to register my protest and demanded that this abnoxious program be taken off the air right away. I was politely told that there had been no other complaints and I was the only one raising the objection. I urge all South Asian organizations and individuals to arouse public opinion against such a show which insults us and encangers racial harmony.

The letters of protest may be addressed to the Public Relation Officer, CBC Channel 5, Box 500, Station A, Toronto, M5W 1E6.

Ajit Adhopia
Mississauga, Ontario.

Practising Christian

Richard Corrance's letter 'Practicing Christian' in your paper of July 26, deserves better treatment than being dismissed as purely emotional.

Whatever may be Mr. Desai's fault he is generally accepted as one of the more honest among Indian politicians, and as more than reasonably non-violent a person, though it has to be conceded that his highly neurotic traits, mostly stemming out of his orthodox Indian background almost a century old sometimes makes it difficult for a naive observer to discern these better qualities. Let us not forget Mahatma Gandhi himself had quite an abundant supply of many of these traits, yet how many would argue, few had become closer to being Christ-like than Gandhiji himself.

As for Mr. Desai's persecution of Mrs. Gandhi and Sanjay it could be said more vehmently that his adherence to righteousness and perhaps neurotic need to appear so in public eye has given Mrs. Gandhi a fighting chance, which she may not even have obtained in most of the western democracies. Incarceration of people like J.P., in solitary confinement to the point even his life was at stake is hardly Christ-like.

As for Janatha, Jan Sangh, and R.S.S. it could be said that Mrs. Gandhi by her undemocratic actions produced desperate enough circumstances in India that Janatha was forced into existence out of desperate elements; that she unwittingly gave R.S.S. and elements in Jana Sangh respectability by allowing them to rub shoulders with the more democratic and secular elements in the country. Though it may be terribly disappointing for people who want to see a stable government in India, it is only natural, now that the threat of dictatorship has dimmed perhaps temporarily, there is an attempt at realignment of forces, coupled with jockeying for position that will ever be present in power politics whether one likes it or not.

As for Mr. Corrance's statement that Mrs. Gandhi would win if elections were held today one can only caution she was given the same green flag without hesitation even by Indian Intelligence prior to her calling last general elections, to give her regime international respectability, and attained in the process the dubious distinction of being the only dictator to loose an election called by oneself.

As for the great desire of many Indians and others abroad to see a dictatorship benevolent? hoisted in India again one can only say - freedom for us; *dictatorship for India* - or, is it?, Freedom for the rich, Dictatorship for the poor.

Dr. George Isaac.
Chatham, N.B.

Indira loooks forward to power

By John R. Walker

Sitting on the sidelines, spinning her web, Indira Gandhi must be chuckling with anticipation today as she views the mess India's squabbling politicians have concocted.

"She's in her element," wrote the well-informed newspaper, The Statesman, "using others' ambitions and rivalries to serve her own ends."

Without a seat in the **Lok Sabha** (parliament), with her party at its lowest ebb, and with serious court cases facing her for abuses of power during her emergency rule, Gandhi nevertheless has a real opportunity to grasp the prime ministership again.

The biggest obstacle to her turn to power was the coalition of factions, called the Janata party, that swept her out of power and even out of her parliamentary seat, in 1977.

Now that party, whose only ideology was "get rid of Indira," lies in ruins, the victim of the petty ambitions of grasping politicians.

That austere puritan who led the Janata government for its first two years, Morarji Desai, wasted his majority and his time banning booze, boosting urine therapy and protecting sacred cows, rather than dealing with India's serious problems of land reform, poverty and unemployment.

Desai's failure on the key issue

Desai even fudged on the most important issue that the Janata party's dramatic and overwhelming electoral victory offered the new government, meeting out justice for the crimes of Gandhi's authoritarian emergency rule.

Between now and the election in December, it will be astonishing if anything comes of these criminal cases about abuses that good Indians today are fed up with and ready to ignore.

It's a situation that India's still most popular politician can only love, as she masterminds her election campaign from now until voting day.

Defections from the Janata party

For her Janata opponents, restless at the stagnant leadership of old Desai, finally had to defect from the party in order to change its leadership.

[illegible] put into brief [illegible] most prominent defector, Charan Singh, the aging middle peasant leader whose chief interest, aside from mouthing Gandhian platitudes, was a bitter dislike of Desai.

His 24 days in office were enough to reveal that he would sell his mother to stay there.

But his deal with Indira Gandhi - the woman who imprisoned him for 18 months in the emergency - fell through before he could even face the **Lok Sabha**.

And this bitter old politician, who split the Janata party, refused to allow its new leader, the [illegible] head of India's untouchables, Jagjivan Ram, to attempt to form a new government.

He merely plunged the country into a mid-term election.

Now that the country's top politicians have been well and truly exposed as the small-minded power grabbers they are, the people will have little to turn to except the most skillful power manipulator of them all, as well as the cleverest populist in the country.

Despite the brutal excesses of her emergency rule, Gandhi is still the best known vote-getter in India.

After two years of diminishing law and order, increasing communal violence, growing corruption and governmental drift, her siren all may become irresistible.

As the emergency itself proved, India's politicians can easily be persuaded that an authoritarian leader is a great democrat is she's on the winning ticket.

Defection is the name of the game, and the perquisites of power the goal.

Just remember to call it democracy, and Indira Gandhi may forgive them until she's back in office.

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Janat

George Varghese
Edmundston, New Brunswick

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Janata in power

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In the Indian general elections of March 1977, the Janata party won a massive vote of confidence. The government led by Morarji Desai took office with a pledge to revive the "democratic ideals" that were "destroyed" by Indira Gandhi during the Emergency. Janata was a combination of individuals and small parties with radically different ideologies and functioning styles. The only connecting link was their hatred for Indira Gandhi. After two and a half years in power, this fragile combination has fallen prey to inner group rivalries and personality clashes.

It will be appropriate at this time to examine the circumstances that brought about the Emergency. In early 1975, India was passing through a very difficult period. The economy was dislocated by high inflation, energy crisis and three successive droughts. Smugglers and black-marketeers were prospering. Strikes and lockouts were happening almost every day in the public and private sectors of Industry. Some opposition parties under the leadership of Jayaprakash Narayan had been organizing civic unrest in the name of fighting corruption in the central government. It was at this time that the Allahabad High Court passed its judgement nullifying Mrs. Gandhi's election to parliament on some technical grounds. She was however permitted to appeal this decision to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court allowed her to continue as Prime Minister, pending a hearing. The opposition parties tried to use the Allahabad Court's decision as an excuse to force her out of office. They started a civil disobedience movement which led to violence and massive destruction of public property. Jayaprakash Narayan asked the students to boycott their classes and even made a call to the military personnel and the police not to obey government orders. To face this state of anarchy, Mrs. Gandhi requested the President to proclaim a state of Emergency. This declaration was in line with the provisions of the constitution and was lent post facto legitimacy by ratification by the parliament.

Emergency

During the Emergency, there were some cases of excesses and misuse of power by some over-enthusiastic bureaucrats and politicians. However, considerable progress was made in the economic and law and order areas. According to "WORLD TIMES" magazine, "....despite many negative features of the Emergency, it was a grand hour for the country's economy. There were no communal or religious clashes, prices were strictly controlled and it was in this period that the country has built up her largest foreign reserve exchanges ever." Even a strong critic of Mrs. Gandhi like the "TIME" magazine had to admit that, "In addition to economic progress, she can point to improved labour relations, abolition of rural debts and bonded labor, and a more efficient bureaucracy."

The Janata government which came to power promising a return to democracy used every possible trick to strengthen its position and to downgrade Mrs. Gandhi. One of its first actions was to recommend dismissal of the duly elected state governments in Northern India that were controlled by the Congress party. This helped in electing new Janata governments in all these states except West Bengal where the Marxist party came to power. In October 1977, Mrs. Gandhi was arrested by the CBI on criminal charges, but was released unconditionally by a New Delhi magistrate as he found "nothing substantial in the charges against her". In an effort to persecute her further, numerous Enquiry Commissions were set up to investigate the "emergency excesses". It was interesting to note that no enquiry was held against Jagjivan Ram who was the number two man in Mrs. Gandhi's cabinet. Similarly, former ministers like Y.B. Chavan, C. Subrahmaniam, Karan Singh and T.A. Pai saved themselves by confessing to some of the Commissions that they were "forced into doing undemocratic things" by Mrs. Gandhi.

The Jagannathan Reddy Commission could not find any misuse of power by Mrs. Gandhi or any of her family members. However, the government got what it wanted when the Shah Commission found Mrs. Gandhi guilty of almost every possible offence under the sun! It acted quite hastily in passing a Special Courts Bill and appointing judges to the Special Courts. However, the government did not take any follow-up action against some other individuals who were indicted by other Enquiry Commissions. Former Tamilnadu Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi was found guilty by the Sarkaria Commission quite some time back. The fact that he was a close ally of the Janata party probably helped him from being prosecuted immediately. Similarly, Karnataka Chief Minister Devraj Urs was indicted by the Grover Commission. The Janata government did not even look into the possibility of taking action against him. There were reports that Urs was offered immunity from further action if he would break away from Mrs. Gandhi's party, which he eventually did. The constitutionality of the Special Courts appointed to try Mrs. Gandhi is presently being challenged in the higher courts. In addition to these legal hassles, all available resources were used to keep on harassing her. In January this year, officials of the Incometax Department made a surprise raid on a farm house owned by her to "unearth some buried treasure". An extensive search failed to produce even a shred of evidence.

Chikamagalur

On a political level, the government left no stone unturned to prevent Mrs. Gandhi from becoming a member of the parliament. When she decided to run from Chikmagalur, the Janata party picked Veerendra Patil, a popular local politician to run against her. George Fernandez and other central ministers used the government machinery to its fullest extent to try to defeat her in the election. Mrs. Gandhi's big victory at the polls made them desperate to find new ways to deny her of her seat in the parliament. Based on the Privilege Committee's partisan opinion and using the parliamentary majority, she was expelled from the House and sent to jail. This action was against the precedent of a unanimous vote on privilege issues and against former speaker Sanjiva Reddy's ruling that the House was not entitled to go into cases relating to breach of privileges of the previous House. In May this year, Morarji Desai pressurized Tamilnadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran into withdrawing his support to Mrs. Gandhi when she planned to contest from Tanjore in the parliamentary by-election.

It is quite evident that during its term of office, the Janata government's primary concern was the persecution of Mrs. Gandhi in every possible way. All available time and energy were spent on this political vendetta. The more pressing needs of the country were always overlooked. When they took over power, India was probably at its best in stability, prosperity and pride in the international community. The last two and a half years have seen a steady decline in all these areas. High prices and double-digit inflation are back in full swing. Law and order situation has deteriorated considerably. The number of Harijans murdered and villages burned down have broken all previous records. Communal violence against Muslims and other minorities was instigated by the R.S.S. which was patronized by the government itself. Cabinet ministers started accusing each other and their family members of corruption and patronization.

It is ironic that after the government's fall, the leaders of both the factions of Janata were actively seeking Mrs. Gandhi's support to stay in power. Both Charan Singh and Jagjivan Ram were reportedly soliciting her support to form a government. Mrs. Gandhi who was a "political outcast" till then, suddenly became a desirable ally! Because no group could muster the required majority, the President has dissolved the parliament and ordered new elections. Surprisingly, he has asked Charan Singh to continue as caretaker Prime Minister till the elections are over. Charan Singh's government could never prove its majority and allowing it to continue during the election may help his coalition to misuse the government machinery for electioneering.

It will be interesting to watch whether the big talk about democracy and freedom of the press will make much of an impact on the electorate this time. The events of the last two and a half years have proved that what a country like India needs more than anything else is strong and decisive leadership capable of finding solutions to the day to day problems.

A bigger Delhi airport

New Delhi (IBS). Delhi airport's international arrival course is to be enlarged at a cost of Rs 8.9 million ($1.12 million). Work will begin in October and should be completed in six months.

The hall, which accommodates health, immigration and customs counters, will hold up to 40 per cent more passengers. There will be 40 manning counters for customs instead of the existing 22; health and immigration counters will be increased from four to six.

But outside the airport traffic has not yet been controlled - the police have failed to effect regulations toward discipline and honesty.

SOVIET TECHNOLOGY TO HELP INDIA

New Delhi (IBS) - An institute in the Soviet Union has developed a technology for producing copper, lead, zinc and cobalt from composite ore deposits which are found in Bihar and Rajasthan.

Specialists of the Soviet Mekhanobr All-Union Research and Design Institute have already begun designing two mining and dressing factories in India on the basis of this technology. These factories are expected to process two million tonnes of ore annually.

India's space setback

New Delhi - India's journey into space has struck a bad patch. What was officially described as a "partially unsuccessful" experimental flight of a satellite launch vehicle (SLV-3) was really a failure.

This followed the failure of the television cameras on board Bhaskara, India's second satellite.

Aryabhata, the first, had also been plagued by trouble with its power system, as a result of which some planned experiments had to be cancelled. Bhaskara's trouble was, and remains, more serious.

Described as a "satellite for earth observations", it was intended to transmit photographic and other data of interest to meteorology, forestery, hydrology and oceanography. But its TV cameras, which were to take pictures to be sent back to earth, have not worked despite repeated attempts to switch them on.

The satellite has thus failed in its principle mission, though its microwave radiometer system is said to be working and transmitting some useful information.

What happened on the first experimental flight of SLV-3 in August may appear to be a bigger setback, because it was in preparation for India's first major breakthrough in space.

The first two satellites, though fabricated in India, were put into orbit by Soviet launch vehicles. SLV-3 was a launched vehicle designed, developed and built in India, and intended for the first demonstration of the country's satellite-launching capability.

Though the August 10 flight was experimental, it was designed to place a payload in orbit. If it had succeeded, the payload would in effect have been the first satellite launched by India.

No Luck

In including a payload orbiting operation in the first experiment, India's space planners had apparently hoped for a stroke of "beginner's luck".

The failure may now be attributed to bad luck; it may also be argued that some experimental flights by more advanced countries had also failed. Accidents have, in fact, occurred even after considerable advance in space technology and fairly long record of successful flights. But it is clearly unrealistic to suggest, as the Chairman of the Indian Space Commission seems to have done, that India has, in comparable time, attained the stage Russia and America had reached when they launched their first satellites.

Indian record is not to be sniffed at. But the deficiencies need to be clearly acknowledged and analysed. Even for the sake of keeping up morale, the experiment should not be described as only "partially unsuccessful".

Though everything seems to have gone well up to the separation of the booster stage, the flight was doomed as early as the second stage.

The fourth stage and the payload fell into the sea more than 500 km Sriharikota, while in a successful flight they should go into orbit and the third stage fall back at a point 2,600 km from the launching site.

Nothing, however, is known as yet to suggest that there is anything basically wrong, or that success will not be achieved in the next attempt. Even if more than one attempt is necessary, all patriotic Indians feel that the project must be assured of full support.

ALL KERALA VILLAGES ELECTRIFIED

Calicut (IBS) - Kerala has become the second Indian State to achieve 100 percent electrification of villages as power to the last village - Bandadka in Kasergod Taluk was switched on by Chief Minister P.K. Vasudevan Nair at a function in the village.

With this all the 1,263 villages in the State have been electrified, according to the Kerala Electricity Board. But total electrification only means bringing power, as a first step, to at least one point in every village.

However 50,000 demands for new connections are pending in this power-surplus State which "exports" 40 percent of the 5,000 million units of power to light homes, to energise pumps and to run industries in the neighbouring states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

THE WORLD OF MAGASAYSAY AWARDEES

Jamkhed (Maharashtra), Aug. (UNI) - Dr. Rajnikant Shankar Arole and his wife Dr. Mebelle on the Ramon Magsaysay award last week, but back home their ...ivel services in rural health have ...rgely remained disregarded.

...In Arole's trust has been looking ... the health of about one ... in people in sixty villages in ... drought prone areas of Ah...dnagar district for the last six ...years.

But requests from the trust for grants and exemption of donations from income tax have brought no response from the Maharashtra and the Central Governments.

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The future of Indo-Canadians

Keynote Speech by Dr. T. John Samuel (Trustee, Ottawa Board of Education) at the Luncheon Session of the Annual Conference of National Association of Canadians of Origins in India, on August 26, 1979 at Edmonton, Alberta.

The topic given to me is: "Move towards cultural enclosure or cultural integration?" On hearing the topic I asked myself: "is there a real choice?"

It is true that some immigrants in the past have chosen the enclosure or the cocoon concept. The high ethnic concentration of several groups in Toronto provides evidence. When lack of knowledge of English is a barrier to communication, when the level of education of the newcomer is low, when there is a fear of rejection by the host society, the enclosure is erected, high and strong. Of course good fences make good neighbours and these enclosures avoided contacts with other groups and enabled the immigrants to live in peace in an ethnic island of their own.

An enclosure does two things: It protects and it prevents. It protects those who are within from physical and psychological damage. Also it prevents its members from participating effectively as members of the larger Canadian society. The ethnic island may provide temporary asylum to the immigrant from impending culture shock on arrival in a strange country with strange customs.

Some of you are familiar with another model of immigrant adjustment. The sociologists call it the 'assimilation' model. The "Melting Pot" thesis is a variant of this. (The word melting pot originated from Isreal Zangwille's drama "The Melting Pot" staged in New York in 1909.) This thesis assumes that the immigrant did not bring anything worthwhile with him except his brawn and brain. All immigrant institutions, heritages and practices should, therefore, be junked, claimed this theory.

In short, assimilation is a negative process of de-nationalization. This concept has outlived its usefulness, if it ever has been useful and its credibility. The so-called melting pot failed to melt itself. The approach is totally un-Canadian.

FLOWER POTS

In a Multicultural and Multiracial society such as ours we need no assimilation that fails to appreciate the culture and traditions of the immigrants and certainly no melting pot is required. Perhaps what we need are flower pots that can display the wide variety of colours and cultures that characterize the pluralistic society of ours.

The concept most often used nowadays to describe immigrant adjustment is integration. Integration takes place when each cultural element whether of native born or foreign born in society has been changed by association with the other but without loss of its own cultural identity. To quote William S. Bernard: - The totality is "greater than the sum of its parts, and the parts, while affected by interaction with each other, nevertheless remain complementary but individual." The concept may look mathematically impossible, but culturally possible and very much desirable.

Integration of immigrants is influenced by a wide variety of factors. Among them are the attitudes of the host society, the attitudes and characteristics of immigrants, their rate of arrival and the like.

PREJUDICE

Immigration of the so-called East Indians (I do not like the term very much since we are the real Indians and the West, Red, Native, American and Canadian Indians are using the term Indian without paying any royalty) was barred from North America for quite some time. The Americans said the Hindus (a term used for all from India irrespective of religion) are illiterate, polygamists or likely to become a public charge. To prevent the arrival of Hindus to Canada, a law was passed which required that every immigrant has to come by continuous passage knowing fully well that such facilities are nonexistent for East Indians. And when 376 East Indians came by direct passage on the boat Koma Gata Maru, they were denied entry. In those days East Indians were privileged to die for the empire, but not good enough to be a neighbour. But times have changed. A country that would not allow 376 boat people from India in 1914 is now welcoming and many of them through this very city - 50,000 boat people from Vietnam.

In spite of all this still there are quite a few in our society who like one of Margaret Lawrence's characters in a certain novel would say: "there are only two mortal things in this life I cannot stand, just two mortal things - one is racial prejudice, and the other is the Indians"

In 1908-11 only 21 people managed to get into Canada from India. The census counted 3[illegible] Hindus who were really Sikhs. Even in 1940-55 only 1139 were allowed in from India and Alberta served 18 of them.

Looking at the visible minority groups, among the 4.5 million people who uprooted and transplanted themselves on Canadian soil since the second world war, about one million came from third world countries - they are mostly Chinese, West Indians, East Indians, Philippinos, Koreans, South Americans, etc. Counting the children of third world immigrants born here, currently Canada has about 1.7 million people of third world origins. The number of Indo-Canadians among them is roughly 320,000.

Now let us look at the integration of Indo-Canadians in three areas of life - economic, socio-cultural and political.

Economic Integration: Earning a livelihood is the first step towards economic integration. Once the Indo-Canadians have reached or surpassed the level of income of other Canadians in the country, one might conclude that successful economic integration has been achieved.

According to a federal government study, the immigrants who came here from India earned more than the immigrants from Greece, Italy, Portugal, Yougoslavia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines and the West Indies.

In fact incomewise we have been leading the immigrants from the third world countries. Recently according to a NACOI survey of Indo-Canadians in Ottawa their medium family income is between $25 and $30 thousand. It is quite likely that Indo-Canadians in Edmonton are even better off - with so many millionnaires among you. The numerous entrepreneurs and professionals among us have created jobs for all Canadians. We have been job-makers, not job-takers. Though large corporations controlled by Indo-Canadians are not many yet (the biggest I know of is Domsn Industries of Duncan, B.C.) many businesses owned and operated by Indo-Canadians are thriving.

Immigrants in general have an average family income and wealth higher than those of Canadian-born. According to a Statistics Canada study immigrant families earned 11 percent more than families headed by native born. Similarly immigrant families were 22 percent wealthier than native born families. Surely intelligent diligence pays off.

On the basis of the above figures it is estimated that an average Indo-Canadian family has an income of about $25,000 a year and the 100,000 or so Indo-Canadian families together may have an income of $2.5 billion a year. Their wealth or assets would be about $5 billion.

SOCIO-CULTURAL INTEGRATION:

Most social scientists who study immigration look primarily at this aspect. There is a vast amount of literature on this. Like in many socio-cultural areas it is hard to come up with an "Yes" or "No" answer to the question of whether the Indo-Canadians have really integrated socially and culturally. In a Multicultural society such as ours ther is room for every culture to grow. Therefore, what was Indian culture til the other day is now part and parcel of Canadian culture.

The Multicultural nature of our society has been described with the help of sensory symbols such as the mosaic, the flower garden, the rainbow, the symphony orchestra, and the choir each of which expresses harmonious variety. Since this is a much discussed area I need not go into it in detail.

POLITICAL INTEGRATION:

For a group of immigrants political integration comes last. We are no exception.

At the present time we do not command the kind of political power warranted by our numbers (320,000) or by our economic power (a net worth of $5 billion). How many M.P.s and MPPs do we have in the respective parliaments? We haven't even produced our first M.P. or MPP anywhere in Canada. The best we have done so far is to elect one alderman, one municipal councillor, and two school board trustees. Our assets exceed the combined assets of corporations such as the General Motors of Canada in Oshawa, MacMillan Bloedal of Vancouver and Trans-Canada Pipe Lines of Calgary. And yet we have not been able to convert that economic muscle into political power.

Perhaps the first time the Indo-Canadian community was involved in any significant national "political" activity was in 1973-74 in response to the green paper. The Special Joint Committee of the Senate and The House of Commons during its 20 stops across Canada received 58 written submissions; 29 different Indo-Canadian Associations appeared before the committee. Lamented an observer of that process; "Lacking connections and sensing hostility beyond the bounds of their communities, East Indians have thus far remained in social and political isolation."

POWER:

Why do we lag behind in political integration? Admittedly it is not an easy task to achieve political integration if the host society is hostile. To some extent this has been true, whatever be the reasons. But without political integration our future interests in this society cannot be protected. Indeed there is power in politics and only power can change.

If one examines the occupants of the corridors of power at various levels, it becomes clear that there are very few of the so-called ethnics there. A study by Prof. Merrijoy Kelner in the city of Toronto, where foreign born exceed the native born, showed that the vertical mosaic stands as firm and tall as the CN tower. Among the political elites of Toronto only 19 percent were non-Anglo-Saxon, among senior civil servants only 10 percent, among corporate leaders only 7 percent and worst of all among those who control the minds of people through the mass media only 5 percent.

Looking at the Indo-Canadians, one could say: We have not even become janitors in the corridors of power.

The Jewish people have been more successful than other groups in reaching leadership positions in major heirarchies. Their unique achievements are praiseworthy and deserve to be emulated.

Political power is related to numbers - the number of voters - and the economic muscles. In terms of numbers our community is still small and may remain so in the future. By the same token the Jewish community is no larger than the Asian community in Canada. Could we not emulate their fine example?

A capitalist, profit-oriented society is more of an open society and the opportunities available to the individual are immense whatever be the race or colour. The comment of a U.S. businessman in this context is revealing: "all I want in my business is muscle. I don't care whether it be obtained from a chinaman or a white man - from a mule or a horse".

CROSSROADS:

The Indo-Canadians are at crossroads now. They do not wish to return to their former country. Some of them used to talk about it until their children told them that they have no intention to accompany their parents. Thus we have no choice but to participate fully in the political process to ensure our future survival.

I feel four 'I''s, the letter I are important here. They are: Interest, Involvement, Input and Impact. We should show an interest in the political institutions, become involved in the political process, make an input into the political developments in order to obtain an impact in the political arena.

True, Canada has given much to us. Also Canada has received abundantly from us. The vast majority of Indo-Canadians have found and created jobs, earned and saved money, bought homes to live in or to be rented, borne and brought up children, became citizens, supported their communities and certainly we "stand on guard" to defend our adopted country. Our crime rate is probably the lowest. We draw less unemployment and welfare benefits than any other ethnic group. We have very low divorce rates (here we have not integrated too well), strong family ties, we look after the old and the weak, and seldom if any, one finds an Indo-Canadian child in Children's Aid Society.

However, we have problems too. Not least among them is lack of unity. Observed Prof. Wood of University of British Columbia: "as long as the problems of community fragmentation and apathy continue East Indians will be a vulnerable community" - a community that is divided and apathetic to Canadian political processes, fighting among ourselves, and digging our own graves. Do we want to continue to remain a vulnerable community?

Help from U.S

New Delhi (IBS) - Currently in New Delhi is a leading American Indian, trying to build economic bridges between India and the United States.

Prof. Dutta liked the euphemisms in President Carter's address to Indian Parliament last year. "He described India as the tenth largest industrialized country in the world which sounded far more flattering than saying that India is not among the top industrialized nations," he says.

Professor Dutta, feels that Indo-US economic relations need to be given a new perspective. This will require the two countries to reassess their economic ties, and seek ways to put them on a more pragmatic footing. And he says, both sides seem to be willing to do so.

A significant development has been the Carter Administration's willingness not to emphasize its traditional role as an aid giver, and to talk to India as a partner. "President Carter wants and needs to open up trade with India in areas which have not been explored so far. India too seems to have realized that direct talk with the USA would be mutually beneficial" he says.

Professor Dutta is here to attend a conference on the "New Perspective of India-United States Economic Cooperation". It has been sponsored by the Association of Indians in America to bring together businessmen, economists, and representatives of the public and private sectors to look at the Indo-US economic relations from different angles, and to suggest ways to improve them.

Professor Dutta describes it as an "open-ended conference" with the two sides approaching the problems without any "preconceived notions". The idea, he says, is to have a frank dialogue which would not have been possible "in any other existing forum". Although the conference will not set up a machinery to ensure the implementation of its recommendations, its steering committee is likely to take follow-up measures.

The Association of Indians in America was formed in 1967. It has about 40 branches in different parts of the USA, and a total membership of nearly 25,000 Professor Dutta says:

"There are nearly 300,000 Indians in America, so we decided to form this Association to declare that "we are here" and to talk to the two Governments about our problems."

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JOI BABA FELUNATH

Produced by R D Bansal

Direction, Screenplay and Music by Satyajit Ray

Ray's first children's film **Goopi Gayan Bagha Bayan**, directed by **Sonar Kella**, both were in different genre. **Goopi Gayan Bagha Bayan** was a total fantasy. **Sonar Kella**, with Feluda as the central character, is contemporary.

Joi Baba Felunath, a sort of a detective drama, won the award for the best children's film in this year's National Film Festival awards. The citation read: "for the wit and craftsmanship used to synthesise a child's world of fantasy with an adult story of crime and detection."

Joi Baba Felunath is full of wit and suspense, and is very economical, with deft characterization, but not much of child about it. Of course, there's a child in it - he is neither central to the story nor its main character. It concentrates more on the private detective Feluda (Sumitra Chatterjee), his investigative methods, and Machhli Baba, a sadhu supposed to have miraculous powers, and the art smuggler Nepal. Ray's mastery of the medium and craft is evident throughout the film, especially in the scenes when Feluda goes to investigate Machhli Baba's role in the latter's disappearance. The film moves on two lanes and planes of stories. Satyajit Ray carries on simultaneously in one scene at least. In the same scene Sangram Dutt is shown wearing a wrist watch without it and with it again.

By no stretch of imagination can **Joi Baba Felunath** be called a children's film. The Jury went by the big name behind it.

DARSHAK in Democratic World.

INDIAN FILMS FOR EUROPE

Bombay (IBS) - The Film Finance Corporation has "nearly finalised" a deal for the sale of a dozen Indian Films to be exhibited on television networks in Western Europe. The sale is worth four million rupees.

FFC Chairman Jagdish Parikh told a news conference that the Corporation would also buy 20 films from Western countries at about Rs 32,000 each for exhibition in Indian cinemas and Doordarshan's television network. The object of selling Indian films to the London-based buyers, he said, was to show them to wide audience abroad and also get some feedback to help improve the Indian film industry.

One of the London-based buyers, also present at the conference said there was great interest abroad - especially in West Germany and Scandinavian countries - about India and its music and culture. However, Indian films required a lot of promotion as many Indian values were alien to western audiences.

President suggests constitutional review

New Delhi (IBS) - President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy has called for a review of the provisions of the Constitution in the light "of our experience of working it over the last three decades."

In a broadcast to the nation August 14 on the eve of Independence Day, Reddy said that enlightened public opinion should do this because of "the steady and cumulative deterioration of standards in public life and public morality in all its aspects."

The President spoke of the "crisis of character" in the country and the "stresses and strains to which noble ideals (of the Constitution) have been subjected to in recent times."

He asked: "Why do we seek to wilfully damage, if not destroy, this great country and the secular, democratic way of life so dear to us? All of us are Indians first and Indians last; if India dies who amongst us will live. And will such a life be worth living? This sobering thought should guide our conduct in the crucial days ahead."

Stating that the present was not the time for mutual recrimination or equally barren destructive criticism, Reddy said: "This is the time and opportunity for national reconciliation." There was need, he said, to evolve healthy conventions based on sound and lasting principles of public morality and uncompromisable basic values in public life. "Never since Independence have principles been compromised and basic values of life treated with such contempt," he added.

One Ramesh not enough: Krishnan

Madras (IBS) - Ramanathan Krishnan, proud father of winner of Junior Wimbledon and Paris crowns Ramesh, said here: "One Ramesh is not enough. We must have at least a half a dozen players between the ages of 16 and 18 of Ramesh's standard. Only then we can be proud of our tennis."

Returning home after watching his son play in Europe, Krishnan added: In fact in a country like ours we must have more youngsters. Small countries like Sweden have many youngsters who are full of promise. I have seen three. They are as good as Ramesh. America has six players any one of whom could have won the junior (Wimbledon) title.

"Ramesh's victory in Paris and London should be an eye opener to the country's youth. I think it was their victory, for this victory should inspire them to take to sports more seriously and missionary zeal."

On Ramesh's achievement, Krishnan said his son made history. "At least that is what the Wimbledon authorities told me. It is the first time in its history that a father and son have won the same event. Throughout, Ramesh was all tenacity and fought to the last point. The best example of this was his quarter-final match against South African Van Der Merwe.

Ramesh will participate in the American and Australian junior events. If he wins these two titles also he will be the first in the world to take the Junior Grand Slam. After the Australian Championship in December, Ramesh will play in the Junior Masters Tournament in Miami in January."

NIRANKARI LEADER DEAD

New Delhi, Aug. 27 (UNI) - S. Labh Singh, President of the Sant Nirankari Mandal, who died in Almore, Uttar Pradesh, August 15 following a heart attack, was cremated here August 16.

MY MIND WAS SEEING

I saw both of you so many times,
from afar I stood,
and felt a known happiness inside
for I saw a transformation long awaited
dawning on this holy day;
but before long
a thought brought its sadness
and made me unhappy as a drenched desire
for I thought you needed counsel
and should not go forward without it.
Then like a clock,
the minute of that thought ticked away,
and I saw you two no more.

Nirmala B. Singh

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Health awards

Health research grants totalling $3,485,043 have been awarded to a number of health research projects, Health Minister Dennis Timbrell, (Ontario) announced recently.

"The grants announced are from my Ministry's provincial health research and demonstration model grant programs," said Mr. Timbrell. "The programs are designed to promote research in areas essential to the maintenance of high quality health care in Ontario. These projects cover a broad spectrum of health research directed toward prevention, diagnosis, management and evaluative studies of health problems."

Applications for health research grants are reviewed by a 10-member committee of researchers, chaired by Dr. Leslie Valberg, Chairman, Department of Medicine, University of Western Ontario. Demonstration model grant applications are reviewed by a 10-member committee of researchers, chaired by Dr. Robert Spasoff, Chairman, Department of Epidemiology, University of Ottawa. Both are non-ministry committees which recommend to the Minister of Health those research projects deemed deserving of grants.

Additional applications are currently under review. Further awards will be announced later this year.

"These Ministry awards complement the $10 million in provincial lottery funds for health research awards announced in March of this year," said Mr. Timbrell.

Out of the numerous grants awarded, $35,000 goes to **Dr. N.S. Gupta**, Department of Medicine, McMaster university for the program screening for environmental mutogens (an agent which induces genetic change) and susceptible individuals.

Dr. S. Sajgal of Department of Pediatrics, McMaster University gets $25,467. for his program "long-term follow-up of infants with congenital cytomegalovirus infections (salivary gland virus)".

Dr. B. Sarkar, Department of Biochemistry, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto is awarded with $15,902. for his work, "studies of mercury poisoning in humans".

Dr. T. Subrahmanyan of Lab. Services Branch, Ministry of Health, is granted an amount of $25,730 for his program "comparative examination of poliovirus polypeptides (a peptide which, on hydrolysis, yields more than two amino acids".

He gets another award of $4,358. to study "occurrence of viruses in natural waters".

New air service

Hyderabad (IBS) - The Central Government has approved a Rs 50 million joint sector project to provide a feeder air service which would link 23 towns and cities in the four southern states from March next.

The four State Governments would have 40 percent participation in TAKK (Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka) Airways of which the Khoday industrial group would be chief promotors.

A Khoday spokesman said that the cost of travel would not exceed 90 paise per Km.

Life sentence for former Ottawa HC employee

New Delhi (IBS) - Additional Sessions Judge Santosh Duggal has awarded life imprisonment to a former assistant in the External Affairs Ministry Vishwa Nath Verma, who was posted in Canada in 1975, for murdering his wife Jaskaran.

According to the prosecution, Verma, a widower, married Jaskaran, a divorcee, in 1970 and was pressing her to get money from her mother and brothers. While posted at the Indian High Commission in Canada in 1975, the "frequent quarrels" between them were noted by the High Commission and was soon sent back to India.

On the afternoon of December 23, 1976 - the day she was reported to have been murdered - Jaskaran had gone weeping to her mother pleading for money. The mother declined and left her in her husband's home. The next day Jaskaran was found dead.

The court said: "It has been found during discussion of evidence that this murder was a result of ill-fated marriage... The evidence also indicates that Verma was also undergoing considerable mental harassment ever since he entered into this marriage."

Awarding life imprisonment to Verma, the Judge observed: "Although the murder in this case happened to be a gruesome one, in view of the mental condition of Verma prior to the murder, I think it is a fit case where the ends of justice will be adequately met by sentencing him to imprisonment for life."

Overseas Indians urged to write

The Estimates Committee ... House of Indi... currently exami... matters concerning ... Indians". The Com... will be specially going ... problems faced by Ind... (1) prior to their going ... for taking up jobs ... education, (2) during the ... abroad and (3) on their ... to India, in so-far-as the problems fall within the purview of the Government of India authorities or can be solved by them. The Committee would welcome any comments and suggestions from persons, bodies or institutions having knowledge of the problems of "Overseas Indians" and would appreciate if they forward their comments based on their experiences and suggestions to the Chairman, Estimates Committee, 52-B, Parliament House, New Delhi, India.

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NACOI holds annual conference

Edmonton, Aug. 26 - The National Association of Canadians of Origins in India (NACOI) held its fourth national conference here from August 24 to 26. The Conference was inaugurated by Gordon Fairweather, Chief Commissioner Canadian Human Rights Commission, (details of his speech in a future issue) followed by a wine and cheese reception attended by about 250 people.

The next day morning Navin Parekh, outgoing President of NACOI and Dr. G.S. Paul, President Indo-Canadian Society of Alberta spoke on "What are We doing to Lay our Roots in Canada" and "Impediments Faced in Laying our Roots in Canada" respectively. In the morning workshop a number of papers were presented. Dr. R. Kanungo of Montreal spoke on the struggles of the new east Indian Canadians in the world of work; Dr. N. Mehra of Edmonton discussed the challenges of adaptation for the East Indian women; Dr. B.K. Sinha of Edmonton presented a paper on the socialization of East Indian child and identity crisis.

During the luncheon session the keynote speech was delivered by Dr. T. John Samuel of Ottawa. His theme was "Move towards Cultural enclosure or Cultural Integration." In the afternoon workshops the themes discussed were: Economic and Political Participation in Canadian Institutions, the Shaping of the Image of Indian Community through Research and the Role of East Indian Organizations, especially NACOI, in laying our roots in Canada.

In the afternoon the plenary session ably chaired by Ashok Bhasin of Calgary received reports and resolutions from John Andrews of Ottawa, Mr. Dhaliwal of Edmonton, Mr. Rahu of Toronto, Mrs. Y. Ghufran of Edmonton, and many others.

The banquet on Saturday evening was attended by about 300 people. Several prominent Edmontonians attended the banquet. The banquet speaker a local multimillionnaire businessman had lots of wit but little wisdom, (who claimed 'polak origin') especially when he recited Paki jokes with four letter words.

The business session on Sunday received reports from local chapters, adopted amendments to the constitution and conducted the elections. Nirmal Dhal of Vancouver was elected president unopposed.

Robinson Koilpillai, who was in charge of local arrangements, and Dr. G.S. Paul whose initiative and drive helped to organize the conference in Edmonton, deserve praise for their hard work.

Festival of the chariots in Toronto

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FESTIVAL: Queen's Park

Thousands are expected to attend the Fifth Annual Festival of the Chariots at Queen's Park in Toronto. Highlights include a procession down Avenue Road to Bloor Street, along Bloor to College and then up to Queen's Park. The procession features a six ton fifty foot authentic hand-pulled chariot, hundreds of singers, dancers, a brass band, and Punjabi drummers. At Queen's Park there will be a festival until sunset featuring the New York Theatre Group V.E.D.A. who will perform the epic "RAMAYANA" a variety of Indian cultural events and exhibits, a huge free vegetarian feast of Indian delicacies, and much more.

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Senior honoured

By Sultan Jessa

Mohan Madan, who writes a regular weekly column, "Cornwall Seniors" for the Standard-Freeholder has been chosen as senior citizen of the year for 1979 by the Cornwall Canada Week Committee.

This is the first year the committee has introduced such an award.

The award is in recognition of Madan's work for the welfare of senior citizens of this city.

The committee particularly took note of the weekly column Madan writes to focus public attention on the problems of the elderly of this city.

"It isn't every group that enjoys the luxury of a spokesman who is able to support their views and express their concerns in such a professional manner," Ontario Housing Minister Claude Bennett said about the column recently.

Before he came to Cornwall with his wife, Krishna, in 1971, Madan worked for several English dailies in India as a senior journalist.

He has been the director-treasurer of the Cornwall Senior Citizens Club, Inc. from the day he joined in January 1976.

One day poll

New Delhi, Sept 4 (UNI) - The Election Commission will try to conduct one-day poll throughout the country for the coming Lok Sabha election by the middle of December.

Speaking in the "Spotlight" programme of All India Radio, Chief Election Commissioner S.L. Shakdher, said a one day poll had been successfully tried in five States - Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya - and in the union territories during the assembly elections last year.

Mr. Shakdher said the Election Commission proposed to introduce a number of important innovations in the electoral procedure to ensure a smooth, free and fair poll.

He said the commission would like to eliminate the setting up of party camps near polling stations as they not only created law and order problems but also tension among workers.

M.S THACKER DEAD

Bombay, (UNI) - Former Planning Commission Deputy Chairman M.S. Thacker died in his sleep following a heart attack at his home here last month. He was 75.

PLOUGHING FOR TREASURE

Kota, Rajasthan, (UNI) - Old silver coins and gold ornaments worth Rs 20 lakhs were found by a farmer while ploughing his field at Sunel village in Jhalwar District last Friday.

According to a delayed report, the farmer struck two pitchers, one containing old silver coins and the other gold ornaments.

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Mrs. Sarasi Raj's Winnipeg students. This senior group is giving dance programs in and around Winnipeg and in U.S.A.

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Kathak goes beyond in San Francisco

Francis Assisi

Classical Indian dance and music are undergoing a unique transformation here in California under the aegis of two young Indian artists, Chitresh Das and Ashish Khan. And nowhere was it more spectacularly evident than in the program recently presented at San Francisco's Herbst Theatre by Chitresh Das and his American troupe 'Chhandam'. Dance, music, and visual effects, were distinctively combined to produce what can best be described as "a direct and traditional extension of Kathak dance in America and an effort to reach beyond international barriers to make a vital and significant contribution to the artistic world".

Designed to bring forth images of exploding matter, Chitresh Das' 'Energy' was a kaleidoscope kinetic motion; vibrant; dynamic music raising the audience to a fever-pitched climax through cascading light effects. There was little doubt that the thirty five year old master of the Kathak traditions of the Lucknow and Jaipur gharanas, is also a serious student of modern American dance. And that is as it should be since Chitresh originally came to the United States on a Whitney Foundation grant to study modern dance at the University of Maryland in 1970. For a while he taught Kathak there. Then in the autumn of 1971 Mr. Das was invited to the prestigious Ustad Ali Akbar College of Music in San Rafael California, to develop a dance program. He stayed on for six years heading a rigorous program of classical Kathak, producing dance dramas, and training a number of fine American dancers in the traditions of Kathak while exploring and experimenting in a highly innovative environment. Finally in the spring of 1977, with the help of his wife Julia, Chitresh formed his own dance company Chhandam (meaning rhythm). According to Julia Das, Chhandam's performance in San Francisco was a preview of their 1980 tour in India.

The audience at a traditional Kathak recital is supposed to listen rather than look, and a critic of the dance prefers to sit with eyes closed. However it would have been a futile exercise in this instance. Das and his dancers made it very clear that 'Energy' was an extravagant leap into the unknown. The medium and the message reached one tempestuous tempo after another in a dizzying attempt at revelation, and missing by a very slim margin the final truth that energy is what is within and not its manifestation without.

However, Chitresh Das' most rousing performance was in the brilliant solo recital with the young and ebullient Zakir Hussain on his mesmeric tabla. Meticulously precise, mathematically correct, he executed all the traditional patterns while maintaining the right axis of the body and giving varying emphasis on the sound of the ankle bells even as he remained absolutely static from the torso upwards. It was a difficult discipline danced with a tremendous sense of joy and refinement. To add to the experience, Aniruddh Sastri's vocal recital was a pleasant encounter; rich in tonality and well modulated thematically. The charm of Chitresh's dance was in the seemingly static figure producing dynamic sounds, his perfect manipulation of weight, and the dizzying speed of his blurring whirls while retaining the peculiar fluidity of Kathak. Powerfully precise pirouettes exploded continually on stage while Zakir Hussain's pyrotechnics captivated the audience. Another highlight of the evening was the presentation by the Chhandam troupe of Kalidasa's epic 'Shakuntala' with Chitresh and Julia Das in lead roles. The stage and set design by Uday Shankar Sengupta was particularly elegant. In eight compactly laid out scenes, the drama of King Dushyanta and Shakuntala unfolded using the techniques of Kathak, modern dance, classical hastabhinays, and folk motifs. Despite the liberty taken in altering an important last scene involving the meeting of Dushyanta and his son Bharata, the overall production remained consistently well choreographed and right in terms of dramatic direction. The music for the dance and dance-drama were original works composed and performed by Ashish Khan, the eldest son of Maestro Ali Akbar Khan. Ashish and his brother Pranesh last year organized a music ensemble 'Third Eye' incorporating the musical forms of Raga and Jazz. The evening's music reflected their experimental approach.

Chhandam is scheduled to produce another dance drama 'Anarkali' later this year.

INDIA-AUSTRALIA FINALISE ACCORD

New Delhi (IBS) - India and Australia have finalised concrete projects for joint research and development in the fields of agriculture, animal husbandry, solar energy and coal conversion.

These decisions were taken during two-day annual bilateral talks between the two countries which ended August 21, 1979. The two sides gave final shape to these projects which were discussed during the visit of the Australian Prime Minister to India in January this year.

ENGLISH-PUNJABI DICTIONARY

Chandigarh (IBS) - The first volume of a standard English-Punjabi dictionary was released by Punjab Governor, Jaisukhlal Hathi, at a function here August 20.

The second volume would be released in December.

A full-fledged department at the Punjab University completed the Rs 17.5 lakh project in about seven years' time. The Punjab State University Textbook Board provided financial and academic assistance for it. There are 1,30,000 entries in the dictionary.

Dancer with youth and grace

(By Our Correspondent)

Recently **Lata Kalpalata** gave two masterpiece dance programs, one at Winnipeg and another at Ottawa. Her brother **Ram Ramanan** danced with her at Ottawa, while her mother **Saraal Raj** sang and did the choreography and Nattuvangam with a live orchestra.

"Intricate physical code conveys dance's meaning" writes Winnipeg Free Press.

"Bharathanatyam is not new to Winnipeg but Kalpalata's performance is something new and radiant. She has a perfect statue like figure, endowed with unshakable confidence, fluency of gestures, control over rhythmic foot work and expressions which enabled our Canadian friends to understand the story of her dances" were the comments expressed by the audience.

Dance-Drama **Yasodhara** received a thunderous applaud and revealed that **Kalpalata** and **Ramanan** are artistes of enormous talents. **Ramanan** danced as **Sudhodana** and **Messenger**. "Dance runs in their blood" were the comments that came from the audience.

Yasodhara was written and produced by **Prof. V. Subramaniam**.

Jaya Subramaniam was emcee for the evening and decorated the stage with beautiful **Kuthuvilakus** and Statue of Budha. Other artistes who took part in the evening were: **Prof. V.K. Chari, [as Devendra] Gopi Chinnappa, K. Ramachandran** [flute] **Bhageswathi Rangarajan** [violin] and **Sekhar Singh** [tabla]. Singers were **Manjari Sankuratri, Sarasi Raj** and **Prof. Subramaniam.**

The appreciative audience gave them a standing ovation.

Cancer research on mice

Madras (UNI) - A bunch of Madras mice which developed brain cancer under simulated conditions fastest will be sent to Japan later this month for further research and breeding.

This was stated in an interview by Dr. K. Sarasabharathy, Professor of neuro-pathology in the Madras Medical College. Dr. Sarasabharathy and her colleagues in the pathological laboratory have been doing research on brain cancer for over seven years.

She said the research yielded very significant results. The very first changes which occurred in cells which became cancerous were noted and mapped through an electron microscope. Detailed studies were undertaken on such changes.

Another important result was the identification of virus particles known to medical sciences as "Virus-C". These particles were present at the very early stages of brain cancer, but disappeared with the passage of time and the growth of the cancer.

Following a request from Japanese researchers, Dr. Sarasabharathy said her team was despatching the mice as well as the research material to Japan for necessary follow up action.

Describing the reaction observed in the mice following implantation of carcinogenical substances in their brain, she said after a few weeks they became sluggish and began to mope.

Hate messages to be stopped

Attorney General Roy McMurtry today applauded the decision of a tribunal of the Canadian Human Rights Commission ordering an end to telephone racial hatred messages.

The order was issued under Clause 33 of the Canadian Human Rights Act of 1977. This clause was included in the Act at the request of Mr. McMurtry.

The tribunal ordered the Western Guard to cease playing recorded hate messages which were directed at a number of minority groups and individuals.

"This is an important victory in the continuing battle against racism," Mr. McMurtry said.

"The element of these messages that concerns me the most is that they were directed at whole groups of citizens," Mr. McMurtry said. "We have developed effective laws and mechanisms to deal with discrimination against individuals but as yet we have scarcely begun to develop tools to handle discrimination or slander against groups.

"The traditional and significant problem, for law-makers, is where does one draw the line between the need to protect groups from sanderous or racist diatribes and the need not to inhibit free speech and discussion and freedom of the press.

"In the search to find the point where to draw that line we should remember that freedom must not be interpreted as license. It must go hand-in-hand with responsibility.

'And, as a famous American jurist said, it is interference with fredom only in the sense that denying someone the right to falsely shout "fire" in a crowded theatre is interference with freedom of "speech."

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PINEAPPLE By Pran

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PINEAPPLE AND DATE CHU[illegible]

3½ cups cubed pineapple
3 cups cider vinegar
3 cups firmly packed brown su[illegible]
1¼ cups raisins
1¼ cups chopped pitted dates
Juice of 1 lemon
2½ tbsp. finely chopped fresh [illegible]
1 red dried chili pepper
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. ground cloves
2 tsp. green peppercorns
½ tsp. freshly ground black p[illegible]
½ tsp. ground allspice

In a heavy enamel saucepan c[illegible] ingredients. Cook over high h[illegible] 20 to 30 minutes, or until it is [illegible] like add little more black pep[illegible] taste. Spoon the chutney into [illegible] with lids for future use. It ca[illegible] weeks. Delicious with pork cl[illegible]

AIR INDIA RECEIVED 7th JUMBO

Bombay (IBS) - Air India received its seventh, and latest, Boeing 747 named "I[illegible] shina Deva Raya". Powered more powerful part and Whit[illegible] engines, the new aircraft equipped with an advanced a[illegible] throttle system.

It has a new and more attrac[illegible] interior and furnishings. [illegible] window panels are based on [illegible] Ajanta frescoes depicting A[illegible] ras and Gandhrvas, unlike [illegible] last four jumbos which [illegible] scenes of rural India. Three n[illegible] Jumbos are expected to add to [illegible] India's fleet in the next [illegible] months.

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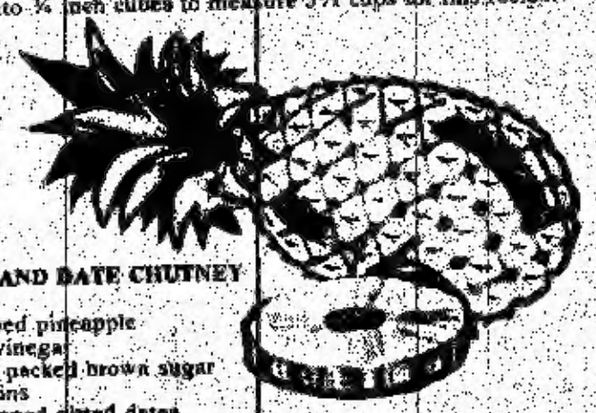
KITCHEN KORNER

PINEAPPLE **By Pranati Sengupta**

The amazing pineapple, once called "the gift of true love", was not for me while I was growing up. Having so many pineapples grown in our own backyard (in India), I never appreciated nor enjoyed the fruit as the king Ferdinand of Spain did. "In flavor, it surpasses all garden fruits", said the king when Columbus offered him the luscious pineapple.

But knowing the pineapple is becoming very popular in North America and receiving a gourmet treat in our modern dinner table I wanted to reculture my knowledge and taste. Surprisingly, I found throughout history, the pineapple has been praised for its beauty of appearance, delicate aroma and excellent flavor. The North American trend of eating pineapple is coming from Hawaii, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, and Philippines. The halved pineapple shells make handsome containers for luncheon salads - chicken, shrimp, crab or lobster meat. It can also be used for a compote of fruits for special occasions.

Selecting and cutting pineapples is an art. Sugar makes a pineapple sweet and juicy when it is ripe. That sugar comes from the stump. Once a green pineapple is picked, leaving the stump on the earth, it will not ripen further. While buying, look for fresh, green leaves. The fruit should be firm - not hard nor soft. To waste as little fruit as possible, cut off the top and the bottom of the pineapple, trying to keep the green leaves in good shape if you are planning a house plant. With a sharp knife, quarter the pineapple lengthwise (unless you want to preserve the shell for a container) and remove and discard the core from each quarter leaving the deeply embedded eyes in the pineapple meat. Using a short, sharp knife, score the pineapple in diagonal strips, so that the eyes may be drawn out in long rows with the tip of the knife. Cut enough pineapples into ¾ inch cubes to measure 3½ cups for this recipe.



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1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. ground cloves
2 tsp. green peppercorns
½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
½ tsp. ground allspice

In a heavy enamel saucepan combine the pineapple with rest of the ingredients. Cook over high heat, stirring most of the time, about 20 to 30 minutes, or until it is thick. Taste for salt and chili. If you like add little more black pepper or ground chili powder to your taste. Spoon the chutney into hot sterilized jars and seal the jars with lids for future use. It can be stored in the refrigerator for 2 weeks. Delicious with pork chops or roast meat.

AIR INDIA RECEIVED 7th JUMBO

Bombay (IBS) - Air India has received its seventh, and the latest, Boeing -747 named "Krishna Deva Raya". Powered by more powerful part and Whitney engines, the new aircraft is equipped with an advanced auto-throttle system.

It has a new and more attractive interior and furnishings. The window panels are based on the Ajanta frescoes depicting Apsaras and Gandhrvas, unlike the last four jumbos which have scenes of rural India. Three more Jumbos are expected to add to Air India's fleet in the next six months.

PAK BOMB: US APPROACH TO INDIA DENIED

New Delhi (IBS) - An official spokesman described as "without substance" American newspaper reports suggesting that the United States has tried to enlist Indian support for plans to disrupt or sabotage the Pakistani nuclear programme.

Describing the suggestion as baseless and unfounded, the spokesman said: 'No approach has been made, nor has any such idea corssed our minds."

Political observers here described US reports about an "approach to India" as "inspired" and "motivated."

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IAAI BAGS 5 YEMEN AIRPORT CONTRACT

New Delhi (Ibs) - The International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) has been awarded a Rs 220 million contract to build an airport complex at Riyan in South Yemen.

After winning this contract in the face of stiff international competition, the Authority now has work worth Rs 1,000 million in hand in four countries, others being Libya, Maldives and Tanzania.

INDIA TO HAVE ITS OWN LASER TECHNOLOGY

New Delhi (IBS) - India will soon have its own laser technology, according to official sources. The Institute of Armament Technology (IAT) near Pune is currently engaged in developing its own laser equipment.

The laser beam can guide a missile or weapon to the taget with accuracy, be it surface-to-air, air-to-surface or surface-to-surface.

NIRANKARI MANDAL FOUNDER DEAD

New Delhi (IBS) - Bhai Sahib Labh Singh, the founder-president of the Sant Nirankari Mandal, died at Almore August 15. He was 76. Labh Singh had gone to Almora to preside over a Nirankari conference.

Gas from coal

New Delhi, Aug. 28 (UNI) - India may soon be able to convert its plentiful supply of coal into scarce petroleum, an American firm has already offered to invest in a project to manufacture oil from coal.

According to Steel, Coal and Mines Minister Biju Patnaik, the Government has asked the company to submit a formal proposal for its consideration.

Mr. Patnaik told UNI that the firm had offered to invest about two billion dollars (about Rs 1,600 crores) for production of synthetic oil from coal.

The firm's proposal is to convert about 10 million tonnes of coal into 2.5 million tonnes of crude a year.

The firm has also proposed that it was prepared to sell the synthetic crude either in the long market or abroad.

Goenka dead

Bombay (UNI) - R D Goenka, President of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society (IENS) and Director of the Indian Express Group of Newspapers has passed away following a heart attack. He was 55.

He is survived by his father, R N Goenka, Chairman of the Express group, his wife and three daughters.

Indians revive Nigerian rails

New Delhi, (UNI) - The techno-managerial back-up provided by India has reactivated the railway system in Nigeria, according to published reports in Lagos.

The Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) has a three-year agreement with the Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES), a subsidiary of the Indian Railways, to provide managerial and technical assistance for reorganising and running the Nigerian railways.

Although the agreement is worth only Rs 20 crores in foreign exchange, the Indian Railways views it as an opportunity to help in a big way a developing third world country and has "seconded" in all 398 managerial and technical personnel.

According to a series of special articles published in the "Business Times" of Lagos, the Indians have taken charge of the 271 railway stations throughout Nigeria from the general manager level to the technician level since the arrival on Jan. 5 this year of the first batch of five of the 38 top management personnel.

The Nigerian Railway Corporation, which had been operating only a "skeleton" passenger service and did not have even printed tickets, can now boast of several daily inter-city train services covering the entire railway network.

The "Business Times" correspondent Stanley Egbuchkwu quoted the Indian director, Hari Ram, as saying at a Press Conference (at which the Head of the State Gen. Obasanjo was present): "Every station has now got enough tickets to sell and in turn, the Corporation will begin to earn revenue because every passenger will travel with a ticket."

The main preoccupation of the Indian personnel, the Correspondent says, is to run the newly-introduced express services punctually and to keep the coaches clean. The Indian team is also working out catering arrangements for all passengers.

Punjab invites children abraod

Chandigarh (IBS) - The Punjab government has decided to invite children of Punjabis settled abroad ranging between 10 and 15 years of age to visit the State. The purpose of the invitation is to acquaint the children with Punjabi culture and heritage.

A meeting of the secretaries and directors of the departments of education, public relations and development decided that the Government would provide free lodging, boarding and transport to visiting children for two weeks.

To begin with five batches of 25 each - two from England, one from Thailand and one from Malaysia - had been invited. The first batch is expected in November.

In the rural areas the children would be lodged with families instead of hotels. The Government also proposes to publish a pamphlet "know your Punjab" for the visiting children.

Desai honoured

New Delhi, Aug. 29 (UNI) - Former Prime Minister Morarji Desai was Sunday conferred the "Distinguished Diploma of Honour" by the Pepperdine University of California. The citation described Mr. Desai as "the world's principal living link with the great Mahatma Gandhi" and "a super citizen" of the world.

Dr. Norwel M. Young, Chancellor of the University, who came specially for the convocation, spoke of Mr. Desai's "very significant academic and political leadership" and of his "dedication to the dignity of each individual and to the importance of education as an instrument to lift mankind out of ignorance and superstition."

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Desai warned that any confrontation between the super powers would mean total destruction of mankind and urged them to destroy their armament to ensure lasting world peace.

If the people of the United States took a determined lead in this direction it would be a great step.

INDIA EXPO IN SAN DIEGO

New Delhi, Aug. 29 (UNI) - India Expo 1980, a 15-day fair on Indian culture and industrial growth, will be held in San Diego, California, from September 9 to 21.

Announcing this at a news conference here Dr. (Miss) Suzanne Hening, Managing Director of India Expo, said it would be the largest fair ever to be held in North America.

There would be 200 stalls, where Indian businessmen would be able to display 22 carat jewellery, perfumes, glassware, leather products, musical instruments, industrial equipment, machine tools, and earth-moving equipment, besides traditional items like handicrafts, textiles, ready-made garments and spices.

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Ramgarhia match required preferably professional or well educated residing in Canada/USA for graduate girl 23, 5'4". Canadian citizen. Write to M-1588, The Canadian India Times.

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Match for a Jat-Sikh young man, 25, B.Sc. from India. Presently in Canada studying medical laboratory technology, graduating in July, 1980. Send details including returnable photo to Dr. B.S. Sohi, 21 McCrea St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, P6A 4A2.

Handsome, Punjabi Jat-Sikh, boy 26, Canadian citizen, B.A. intelligent, decent character. Baptised as Christian. M-1597, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match preferably in Canada for an innocently divorced Rajput girl, 25, sweet, homely, attractive. M.A. Economics working in States. Caste no bar. Write M-1598, The Canadian India Times.

Matrimonial correspondence invited for beautiful, slim, educated girl, 28, 5'-3", landed immigrant. Send details with photograph M-1599, The canadian India Times.

Engineer, MBA., good position, 36, fair, 5'-8", athletic, good looking, well travelled, linguist, wishes to meet attractive, unattached, educated girl, caste no bar. Details, photo returnable M-1600, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted a suitable match for a Brahmin lady doctor, well settled in Canada. Working as a chief resident in a top Canadian Hospital, doctors, engineers, dentists, architects and chatered accountants between the age of 30 to 34 need apply. Caste no bar. M-1601, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted suitable match for Tank Kashatriya girl 22, B.A. presently in India. Brother setted in Canada, M-1602, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted a well groomed Bengali bride, preferably Kayastha of 20-23 yrs for an Engineer groom, 29, educated and presently working in U.K. M-1603, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for a handsome Hindu Punjabi boy in India, 26½, M.A., 5'-10", brother's family well-settled in Canada. Full particulars, recent photo (returnable) to M-1604, The Canadian India Times.

Suitable match for 24 year old Agarwal boy independent business in India. Brother consulting Engineer & Contractor in Vancouver. Girl's merits main consideration. M-1605, The Canadian India Times.

Widower, attractive, Panjabi young man in forties, Canadian citizen, well employed who feels lonely seeks an educated companion. Drop a line even if you are a widow, divorcee or separated. M-1606, The Canadian India Times.

Handsome Jat Sikh, clean shaven 25, 5'-9" tall, kind, well liked person, holding good position invites matrimonial correspondence from beautiful, fair, intelligent women under 25, reply with recent photo and details - M-1607 The Canadian India Times.

East Indian, non-smoker, bachelor, 36, 5'-5", highly educated and well established professional living in Vancouver, wishes to meet a beautiful, sociable, talented and highly educated young lady. Reply to: 8155 Osler Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 4E3 or phone - (604) 263-8819.

Doctor M.B.B.S, height 5'-6½", complexion wheatish, caste Punjabi (Arora) Age 25, residing in India, wishing to migrate. Sister settled in Toronto, invites correspondence for matrimonial purposes along with photograph. Reply P.O. Box 160, Postal Station H, Toronto, Ontario, M4C 5H7.

Wanted a suitable match for a South Indian Christian, now a Canadian citizen, age 31, 5'-5", holding a good job. South Indian Christian girl preferred. Please write to, Gnanam P. James, 529 Emerald Avenue, Oshwewa, Ontario, Canada. Tel. No. 416-723-9351.

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TEAM TO EXPLORE WOOLEN MARKETS IN US, CANADA

New Delhi (IBS) - A market-orientation team of the Wool and Woolen Export Promotion Council will shortly be sent to the United States and Canada to explore the market for Indian woolens.

Janata sought Indira's support

Quilon, Kerala - Congress (I) leader C M Stephen, MP has termed as "absolutely untrue" Janata (S) leader Raj Narain's claim that his party had not sought the support of the Congress (I) in forming the Government.

He told newsmen here that the Congress (I) Parliamentary Board decided to give a letter to the President on the specific request of the Janata (S). It had been stated in the letter -- which he had written to the President - that the decision to support the Janata (S) was taken at the request of the Chairman of that party.

Mr. Stephen wondered how persons holding responsible posts "behaved in this fashion".

Asked if his party's relations with the ruling coalition had been strained, he said "we have no relations with anybody".

The nightmare of life in big cities

Bombay, (UNI) - Life in Indian metropolitan cities is becoming a nightmare for a majority of the people and if the present trends continue, there will be a total failure of the urban system by the end of the century, noted environmentalist Rashim Mayur observes.

In an interim report on "Decentralised Metropolitan Developments in India in the year 2000 A.D.," Dr. Mayur, Director of the Urban Development Institute, says whatever course of action Indian society decides to take it must explore new scenarios to reconstruct smaller and less complex urban agglomerations.

Fundamentally, the new order demands that metropolitan cities be decentralised for the sake of management control and cost effectiveness.

Dr. Mayur, a member of the National Committee on Science and Technology (NCST) panel on futurology, points out in his report that one third of the world's 4.6 billion people live in urban communities.

While there is an appreciable decline or stabilisation of large cities in industrialised countries, the pace of urbanisation is increasing significantly in the less developed nations, Mexico, India and Egypt being prime examples.

He further says the large mass of people agglomerated in cities and towns represent a socio-technological revolution unparalleled in India's history. The country has the third largest urban population in the world, about 135 million.

Dr. Mayur lists the present urban growth rate at four per cent yearly, approximately twice the rate of population growth, half the growth being natural and, the rest due to migration from rural areas.

The present rate of urbanisation, he says, will be accelerated after 1985 and by the end of the century, the approximate number in various urban centres all over India will reach 335 to 350 million.

However, Dr. Mayur cautions, there are two points concerning these assumptions, one that possible by 1985 some dramatic technology for population control to deter the growth considerably mostly in urban areas and secondly, a revolution or upsurge to influence urban-rural division of the population in an unforeseen direction.

Tiny tots

Bangalore, (UNI) - School children are increasingly facing psychological problems due to overcrowded class room atmosphere, burdensome syllabi and lack of time for play, according to a spokesman for the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) here.

The spokesman said that with an increasing number of private organisations opening primary schools and kindergartens as "teaching shops", the mental problems of the tiny tots were becoming more significant.

The spokesman, a psychiatrist told UNI that on an average 1000 children in the age group of three to fifteen years were being referred to the Institute every year and over fifty per cent of them suffered from mental stress and strain arising out of pressures in school.

He said lack of considerate teacher-pupil relationship in primary schools, and absence of teacher-parent contact were some of the other factors which contributed to the difficulties of these children.

Another disturbing trend was the "indiscriminate dumping" of children into orphanages and remand homes. Though these institutions offered basic amenities they were normally overcrowded and lacked trained staff, he added.

He said that most of these children, who looked normal, were unable to sit in a place or even write.

SWAYAMSEVAK SANGH [RSS]

In Punjab, Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal said the Akali-Janata coalition would continue in the State. The state Janata Party has, meanwhile, left it to party President Chandra Shekhar to decide on whether it should stay in the government.

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